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7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP

432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4751

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REF: VIENTIANE 4718

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR-III: THERE WERE TWO MAJOR INCIDENTS APPROX 20 KMS EAST OF THAKHEK, IN AN AREA THAT REMAINS CONTESTED. EVENING OF 28 JUNE (1245Z), ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY COMPANIES, SUPPORTED BY 150 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE, ATTACKED THREE FRIENDLY COMPANIES AT VE-993297 (CASUALTIES UNKNOWN). NEXT MORNING (290100Z), FRIENDS RETALIATED WITH MULTI-COMPANY ATTACK AT WE-000290 (THREE ENEMY WIA). ELSEWHERE IN REGION, THERE WERE TWO PATROL CLASHES ON 28 JUNE -- IN EXTREME NORTH VICINITY CANG SA NI, SITE 45 (REPORTEDLY SIX ENEMY KIA); WELL SOUTHEAST OF KENGKOK (ONE FRIEND AND TWO ENEMY WIA). IN ONLY COMBAT AIR ACTIVITY IN COUNTRY RLAF FLEW ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE AGAINST ENEMY POSITIONS EAST OF THAKHEK DURING NIGHT OF 27-28 JUNE, BUT NO SORTIES ON 29-30 JUNE OR 1 JULY.

B. MR-IV: ONLY REPORTED ACTION WAS PATROL CLASH NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE ON 30 JUNE (ESTIMATED "SOME" ENEMY CASUALTIES).

C. MR'S I, II AND V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED DURING PERIOD 29 JUNE - 1 JULY.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

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A. IN INTERVIEW WITH AP JUNE 29, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA DECLARED THAT SLOW PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS IS PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTABLE TO DIFFERENCES ON MILITARY QUESTIONS, WHILE DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS AND FORMATION OF JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL ARE SECONDARY ISSUES. PRIMIN EMPHASIZED CRITICAL NATURE OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ("FOR LAOS IT IS A QUESTION OF LIFE AND DEATH") AND OBSERVED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE A CONSIDERED, UNHURRIED APPROACH TO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. PRIMIN ADDED THAT THE RIGHTISTS

HAD NOT PRESSURED HIM TO DELAY REACHING AN AGREEMENT.

B. PRIMIN FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG ON JUNE 30 TO INFORM KING ON SITUATION IN LAOS, ESPECIALLY PROGRESS OF INTERNAL TALKS; HE RETURNED VIENTIANE 2 JULY.

C. RLG NEGOTIATORS PHENG PHONGSAVAN AND NGON SANANIKONE ON JUNE 29 BRIEFED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON STATUS OF INTERNAL TALKS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE ACCOUNT, PHENG SAID THAT DESPITE PROPOSALS AND CONCESSIONS MADE BY RLG SIDE, THE LPF CONTINUE TO BE INTRANSIGENT. NGON TOLD DEPUTIES THAT DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PORTFOLIOS AND LPF DEMAND FOR THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERSHIP. NGON ADDED THAT DIFFICULTIES STILL PERSIST REGARDING NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG AND SUPERVISION OF CEASEFIRE.
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